

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0156

Abortion-ultrasound information.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public health and safety; requiring
2 physicians to provide patients with specified information
3 before certain nonemergency abortion procedures; providing
4 and amending definitions; and providing for an effective
5 date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-6-119 is created to read:

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11 **35-6-119. Information provided to patient.**

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13 (a) Except in the case of a medical emergency, at
14 least twenty-four (24) hours prior to an abortion being

1 performed or induced on an unborn child, the physician
2 performing the abortion on the pregnant woman, the
3 referring physician or a qualified person assisting the
4 physician shall, orally and in person inform the pregnant
5 woman that she has a right to view an active ultrasound of
6 the unborn child and hear the heartbeat of the unborn child
7 if the heartbeat is audible. The active ultrasound image
8 shall be of a quality consistent with standard medical
9 practice in the community, shall contain the dimensions of
10 the unborn child and shall accurately portray the presence
11 of external members and internal organs, if present or
12 viewable, of the unborn child. The auscultation of fetal
13 heart tone shall be of a quality consistent with standard
14 medical practice in the community.

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16 (b) This section shall not apply to an abortion
17 performed with the intent to:

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19 (i) Save the life or preserve the health of the
20 unborn child;

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22 (ii) Remove a dead unborn child;

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1 (iii) Remove an ectopic pregnancy.

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3 (c) If disclosures are required pursuant to
4 subsection (a) of this section, the physician shall obtain
5 a signed statement from the pregnant woman acknowledging
6 that she was provided the information specified in
7 subsection (a) of this section. The signed statement shall
8 be placed in the pregnant woman's medical file and shall be
9 treated as a confidential medical document under all
10 applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

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12 (d) For purposes of this section:

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14 (i) "Medical emergency" means a pregnant woman's
15 condition which, on the basis of a physician's good faith
16 clinical judgment:

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18 (A) Complicates her medical condition that
19 the immediate termination of her pregnancy is necessary to
20 prevent her death; or

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1 (B) Creates a serious risk of causing her
2 substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily
3 function.

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5 (ii) "Qualified person" means an agent or
6 employee of the physician and who is a licensed
7 psychologist, clinical social worker, professional
8 counselor, registered nurse or physician.

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10 **Section 2.** W.S. 35-6-101(a)(xii) is amended to read:

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12 **35-6-101. Definitions.**

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14 (a) As used in the act, unless the context otherwise
15 requires:

16 (xii) "This act" means W.S. 35-6-101 through
17 ~~35-6-118~~ 35-6-119.

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19 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2015.

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